LUKE'S JESUS-SAYING MASH-UP Luke 8.16-25

In continuing the theme from last week, Luke employs a collection of Jesus' sayings to reinforce the importance of hearing God's Word and putting it into practice.

"Therefore consider carefully how you listen."

Luke 8.18

Four Kingdom Truths about God's Word from Luke 8

1. The Words of Jesus are **ILLUMINATING.**

"No one lights a lamp and hides it in a clay jar or puts it under a bed. Instead, they put it on a stand, so that those who come in can see the light." $\,v\,16\,$

2. You can't HIDE FROM GOD.

"For there is nothing hidden that will not be disclosed, and nothing concealed that will not be known or brought out into the open." v 17

3. Don't be fooled! We must LISTEN CAREFULLY.

"Therefore consider carefully how you listen. Whoever has will be given more; whoever does not have, even what they think they have will be taken from them." $\,$ v 18

4. Putting into practice the teachings of Jesus is PRIORITY #1.

He replied, "My mother and brothers are those who hear God's word and put it into practice." $\,$ v 21

So, what are we going to do about how we handle the words of Jesus? Will we make them a priority in our lives by listening to and obeying them? Luke challenges us with a story about Jesus and the disciples. Luke 8.22-25

"Where is your faith?" he asked his disciples. In fear and amazement they asked one another, "**Who is this?** He commands even the winds and the water, and they obey him."

Luke 8.25

Two Questions to Ponder This Week:

1. Where is your faith in terms of listening to and obeying the words of Jesus? How would you rate yourself on a scale of 1 to 10?

2. Who is this person Jesus to you? What kind of priority does he evoke in your life?

What is God saying to me?

What am I going to do about it?

Love God, Love Others, Learn Jesus, DO SOMETHING!

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